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Honorable John A. McCone Director Central Intelligence Agency 2430 E Street, N. W. Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCone:

The Joint Economic Committee is now collecting factual. and analytical data for the preparation of a report on recent economic growth in the U.S.S.R. Research specialists of your Agency contributed substantially to the three previous reports on this subject published by the Committee over the past seven years.

I am writing to request that your Agency again extend its cooperation to the Committee in this present undertaking. Specifically, it would be appreciated if your economic expects currently concerned with analysis of economic developments in the U.S.S.R. and other communist countries, could contribute summary research papers on the subjects listed below. The papers, preferably, would be from 20 to 40 pages in length, and would be concerned with the recent developments in each of the subject areas indicated.

Nutional Accounts:

Recent growth record of national income in the

U.S.S.R.

Industry:

Labor productivity in Soviet industry; comparative data.

Machine tool production;

U.S.SR. and U.S.

Consumption:

Allocation to consumption in

the U.S.S.R.

State Budget:

Real cost of the Soviet military establishment.

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The Committee has designated a staff member of the Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress, Mr. Leon M. Herman, who assisted the Committee in the previous studies, to help in coordinating the preparation of the report. Mr. Herman, who has had occasion to discuss informally the interest of this Committee with members of your staff, will be happy to consult with a member of your Agency, designated by you, with respect to the specific content of the requested reports, or any other questions that may arise.

It would be very helpful to the Committee in meeting its present schedule of hearings and reports to have the requested papers by October 1, 1962.

Sincerely yours,

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